

Claim Amendments

Please amend the claims as set forth below. This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in this application.

22. (Currently Amended) A method of displaying information on a display screen for a user operating a client computer connected to a network, the method comprising the acts of:

making a first document available on the network so that the first document can be viewed over the network using a document viewing program executing on the client computer, where content included within the first document is created by a first author for publication in the first document so that the first author's content is widely available to those having access to the network;

determining, without assistance from any user operating the client computer, that a second document available on the network includes a reference to the first document, where the second document is not part of the first document, and where the second document is widely available to those having access to the network and is an independent document not created solely to annotate the first document, where content included within the second document is created by a second author after the content included within the first document is created by the first author, where the second author is different from the first author and is unrelated to the first author, and where the first author is not required to find the second document;

after determining that a second document available on the network includes a reference to the first document, receiving a request for the first document from the client computer operated by the user;

responding to the request for the first document by transmitting the first document over the network to the client computer;

displaying a document viewing window on the display screen, wherein the document viewing window includes within it a primary area for viewing documents, and a secondary area, wherein the primary area and the secondary area are displayed ~~integrated into the document viewing window~~ so that the information in the primary area and the secondary area can be seen simultaneously;

displaying the ~~the~~ [[a]] first document in the primary area within the document viewing window;

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upon displaying the first document in the primary area within the document viewing window, automatically displaying, without requiring further input from the user, a link to the ~~the~~ second document, wherein the link to the second document is displayed in the secondary area within the document viewing window, wherein the first document in the primary area and the link to the second document in the secondary area are displayed simultaneously in the document viewing window, and wherein the link to the second document is not part of or embedded within the first document as originally published by the first author, but wherein text included within the second document refers to the first document, and where the display of the link to the second document informs the user, for the first time, of the existence of the second document;

monitoring the selection of the link to the second document; and

detecting that the user has selected the link to the second document; and

upon detecting that the user has selected the link to the second document, displaying the second document ~~in the primary area within the document viewing window.~~

23-32. (Cancel)

33. (New) A method of providing information to a user operating a client computer that is connected to a network, the method comprising the acts of:

making a first web page available on a web server connected to the network so that the first web page can be viewed over the network using a web browser application executing on the client computer, where included within the first web page are a plurality of content portions, each created by a first author, and where the first web page is made available on the web server so that the plurality of content portions created by the first author are widely available to those having access to the network,

determining that a second web page available on the network refers to a first content portion, where the first content portion is one of the plurality of content portions created by the first author and included within the first web page, where the act of determining is performed without requiring the first author to search for the second web page, and without assistance from any user operating the client computer, where the second web page is not part of the first web page, where the second web page is widely available to those having access to the network and is independently accessible on the network without requiring knowledge of the first web page,

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where content included within the second web page that refers to the first content portion included within the first web page is created by a second author after the first content portion is created by the first author, and where the second author is different from the first author;

after determining that a second web page available on the network refers to the first content portion, and before the user is aware of the second web page, receiving a request for the first web page from the client computer operated by the user;

responding to the request for the first web page by transferring the first web page over the network to the client computer for display on the client computer, where the first web page includes at least the first content portion created by the first author;

enabling the display of the first web page in a window associated with the web browser application executing on the client computer; and

enabling the automatic display of a display element with the first web page displayed in the window associated with the web browser application executing on the client computer, where the display element signifies that at least one web page available on the network specifically refers to the first content portion created by the first author and not merely to the first web page generally, where the at least one web page referring to the first content portion created by the first author includes the second web page, and where the display element enables the user to become aware of at least one independent web page that is specifically relevant to the first content portion created by the first author.

34. (New) The method of claim 33, where the act of enabling the automatic display of a display element includes the act of:

enabling the display of a display element within the first web page.

35. (New) The method of claim 34, where the act of enabling the automatic display of a display element further includes the act of:

enabling the display of a hyperlink within the first web page.

36. (New) The method of claim 35, where the act of enabling the automatic display of a display element further includes the act of:

enabling the display of a hyperlink to the second web page.

37. (New) The method of claim 34, where the act of enabling the automatic display of a display element includes the act of:

enabling the display of information that indicates that a plurality of web pages referring to the first content portion are available on the network.

38. (New) The method of claim 37, where the act of enabling the automatic display of a display element further includes the act of:

enabling the display of information that indicates how many web pages referring to the first content portion are available on the network.

39. (New) The method of claim 37, where the act of enabling the automatic display of a display element further includes the act of:

enabling the display of a plurality of a hyperlinks, each of the hyperlinks corresponding to one of the plurality of web pages referring to the first content portion.

40. (New) The method of claim 39, further comprising the acts of:

enabling the detection of the user's selection of one of the plurality of hyperlinks; and
enabling the display of a web page that corresponds to the hyperlink selected by the user.

41. (New) The method of claim 33,

where the act of enabling the display of the first web page in a window associated with the web browser application executing at the client computer includes the act of enabling the display of the first web page in a primary area within a web browser window associated with the web browser application, where the web browser window includes within it the primary area and a secondary area, and where the primary area and the secondary area are integrated into the web browser window, but are separate parts of the web browser window; and

where the act of enabling the automatic display of a display element includes the act of enabling the display of the display element within the secondary area of the web browser window.

42. (New) The method of claim 33, where the content created by the second author includes an opinion about a topic, and where the second author refers to the first content portion in the content included within the second web page in order to provide information relevant to the second author's opinion.

43. (New) The method of claim 42, where the second author refers to the first content portion in the content included within the second web page in order to provide information supporting the second author's opinion.

44. (New) The method of claim 43, where the second author's opinion is a judicial opinion.

45. (New) A system configured to carry out the method of claim 33.

46. (New) A system for making web pages available on a network for display on a client computer connected to the network, where the system is configured to carry out the operations of:

making a first web page available on the network so that the first web page can be viewed over the network using a web browser application executing on the client computer, where content included within the first web page is created by a first author, and where the content expresses the first author's commentary about a particular topic, and where the first author's commentary is published in the first web page so that it is widely available to those having access to the network;

determining that a second web page available on the network contains a reference to the content created by the first author, where the operation of determining that a second web page available on the network contains a reference to the content created by the first author is carried out without requiring the first author to search for the second web page, and without requiring assistance from any user operating the client computer,

where the second web page is an independent web page that is not part of the first web page and is not merely an annotation of the first web page, where content included within the second web page is created by a second author that is different from the first author and is

unrelated to the first author, where the content included within the second web page is created by the second author after the content created by the first author is created by the first author, and where the content created by the second author is published in the second web page so that it is widely available to those having access to the network;

after determining that a second web page available on the network contains a reference to the content created by the first author, receiving a request for the first web page from the client computer operated by a user that is not aware of the second web page;

responding to the request for the first web page by transmitting the first web page over the network to the client computer operated by the user, and including within the first web page the content created by the first author and a representation of the second web page; and

displaying the first web page in a web browser window associated with the web browser application executing at the client computer, where the first web page is displayed in the web browser window by simultaneously displaying (1) the content created by the first author and (2) the representation of the second web page, where the representation is displayed within the first web page so that the representation provides a way for the user to be made aware of the second web page.

47. (New) The system of claim 46, where the operation of displaying the first web page in a web browser window associated with the web browser application executing at the client computer includes the operation of:

displaying the representation of the second web page in the first web page below the content created by the first author.

48. (New) The system of claim 46, where the operation of displaying the first web page in a web browser window associated with the web browser application executing at the client computer further includes the operation of:

displaying the representation of the second web page as a hyperlink.

49. (New) The system of claim 48, where the operation of displaying the first web page in a web browser window associated with the web browser application executing at the client computer further includes the operation of:

displaying the representation of the second web page as a hyperlink to the second web page.

50. (New) The system of claim 46, where the operation of displaying the first web page in a web browser window associated with the web browser application executing at the client computer includes the operation of:

displaying the representation, where the representation of the second web page represents a plurality of web pages referring to the first web page.

51. (New) The system of claim 50, where the operation of displaying the first web page in a web browser window associated with the web browser application executing at the client computer further includes the operation of:

displaying the representation, where the representation includes information indicating how many web pages it represents.

52. (New) The system of claim 46, where the operation of displaying the first web page in a web browser window associated with the web browser application executing at the client computer includes the operation of:

displaying the representation of the second web page as a hyperlink, where the representation is labeled to indicate the number of web pages the representation corresponds to.

53. (New) The system of claim 46, where the first web page is a judicial opinion.

54. (New) A system connected to a network for making information available on the network, where the system is configured to carry out the operations of:

making a large number of web pages available on a network for the purpose of providing content created by a plurality of different and independent authors to those having access to the network;

making a first web page available on a web server connected to the network so that it can be viewed over the network using a web browser application executing on a client computer connected to the network, where content included within the first web page is created by a first

author, and where the content includes the first author's commentary about a particular topic, and where the first author's commentary is published in the first web page so that it is widely available to those having access to the network;

responding to requests for the first web page received over the network from client computers by transmitting the first web page over the network and enabling the display of the first web page;

making a second web page available on the network so that it can be viewed over the network independently of the first web page using a web browser application executing on a client computer connected to the network, where content included within the second web page is created by a second author, and where the second author's content is published in the second web page so that it is widely available to those having access to the network;

responding to requests for the second web page received over the network from client computers by transmitting the second web page over the network and enabling the display of the second web page;

detecting that the second web page available on the network includes a reference to the content created by the first author, where the second web page is not part of the first web page, where the second author is different from the first author and is unrelated to the first author, and where the content included within the second web page is created by the second author after the content included within the first web page is created by the first author;

after detecting that the second web page available on the network includes a reference to the content created by the first author, responding to requests for the first web page received over the network from client computers by transmitting over the network the first web page and enabling the display of the first web page, where incorporated into the first web page is a representation of the second web page for display within the first web page;

making a third web page available on the network so that it can be viewed over the network independently of the first web page and the second web page using a web browser application executing on a client computer connected to the network, where content included within the third web page is created by a third author, and where the third author's content is published in the third web page so that it is widely available to those having access to the network;

responding to requests for the third web page received over the network from client computers by transmitting the third web page over the network and enabling the display of the third web page;

detecting that a fourth web page available on the network includes a reference to the content created by the first author, where the fourth web page is an independent web page that is not part of the first web page, where content included within the fourth web page is created by a fourth author, where the fourth author is different from the first author, where content included within the fourth web page is created by the fourth author after the content included within the first web page is created by the first author and after the content included within the second web page is created by the second author, and where the fourth web page is published so that it is widely available to those having access to the network;

after detecting that a fourth web page available on the network includes a reference to the content created by the first author, responding to requests for the first web page received over the network from client computers by transmitting over the network the first web page and enabling the display of the first web page, where incorporated into the first web page is at least one representation for display within the first web page, where the at least one representation corresponds to the second web page and the fourth web page, and

where included in the requests for the first web page received over the network from client computers is a request for the first web page received over the network from a client computer that has not accessed the fourth web page.

55. The system of claim 54, further configured to carry out the operations of:

detecting that the third web page available on the network includes a reference to the content created by the first author, where the third web page is an independent web page that is not part of the first web page, where the third author is different from the first author and is unrelated to the first author, and where content included within the third web page is created by the third author after the content included within the first web page is created by the first author; and

after detecting that a third web page available on the network includes a reference to the content created by the first author, responding to requests for the first web page received over the network from client computers by transmitting over the network the first web page and enabling

the display of the first web page, where incorporated into the first web page is a representation that corresponds to the second web page, the third web page, and the fourth web page, and where the representation enables users who are not aware of the second web page, the third web page, and the fourth web page to find the second web page, the third web page, and the fourth web page.

56. (New) The system of claim 54, where the at least one representation includes a representation of the second web page, and a representation of the fourth web page.

57. (New) The system of claim 54, where the at least one representation includes a representation that corresponds to both the second web page and the fourth web page.

58. (New) A system configured to carry out the method of claim 22.